



Charter Amendment No. 8

This is the eighth of nine proposed [College Station City Charter](#) amendments on the Nov. 6 ballot.

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What you will see on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 8

FOR/AGAINST

Shall the language in Article XII (General Provisions), Section 115 (Personal Interest) of the College Station City Charter be replaced with language providing that members of City Council and any officer or employee of the City shall comply with state law pertaining to conflicts of interest of local government officials, including TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 171?

What does it mean?

If you vote **AGAINST** this proposition, you are voting to keep this section of the charter as it is; if you vote **FOR** this proposition, you are voting to make these changes:

ARTICLE XII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Personal Interest *Section 115*

➤ *The existing charter says:*

No member of the City Council or any officer or employee of the City shall have a financial interest direct or indirect or by reason of ownership of stock in any corporation, in any contract with the City, or be financially interested directly or indirectly in the sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies or services except on behalf of the City as an officer or employee; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall only be applicable when the stock owned by the officer or employee exceeds one (1) percent of the total capital stock of the corporation. Any willful violation of this section shall constitute malfeasance in office and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall thereby forfeit his office or position. Any violation of this section with the knowledge expressed

or implied of the person or corporation contracting with the City shall render the contract voidable by the City Council or City Manager. The prohibitions of this section shall not be applicable to city employee who applies for and or receives housing assistance or any other assistance that is offered to the general public under the same terms and conditions that the assistance is offered to other citizens.

➤ ***The amended charter would say:***

Members of the City Council and officers and employees of the City shall comply with state law pertaining to conflicts of interest of local government officials, including [TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 171](#).

[2012 Texas Conflict of Interest Laws Made Easy](#) (Texas Attorney General's Office)

Why is this charter amendment on the ballot?

After reviewing the city charter for more than a year, the 10-member Citizens Charter Review Advisory Commission in May recommended that eight charter amendments be placed on the ballot in a November special election. The commission's stated mission was to "review the city charter and make charter amendment recommendations, where appropriate, that will help protect the rights, powers and benefits of all College Station residents." Most of the recommendations were made to bring the charter in line with state law. The city council later added this amendment about conflict of interest for council members.

[Citizens Charter Review Advisory Commission \(CRAC\)](#)

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